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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MURPHY

SUBJECT: GRILL FLAME Technical Review Group

Based on Harold Brown's comments on the GRILL FLAME briefing paper we provided him, I assume a Technical Review is called for. L/Col. Sample indicated you thought the same.

I would like to make the following suggestions concerning a proposed GRILL FLAME Technical Review Group:

1. The Group should include the technical review group set up by Walt LaBerge. That group, just constituted, includes the proper mix of technical competencies: namely, a medical researcher, statisticians, psychologists and physicists. Its members are from both government and the private sector. There is no need for two separate review groups.

2. I should like to add to Walt's group two additional experts: namely

a. Dr. Jesse Orlansky, IDA: a psychologist, and

b. Dr. Ray Hyman, University of Oregon: a "skeptical" psychologist and a member of the executive council of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

3. This Technical Review Group should report to the existing GRILL FLAME Oversight Committee which has as members; you, I, Walt LaBerge, Gene Tighe, Jim Brown, Ed Thompson and Admiral Shapiro. I would suggest inviting Mr. Utgoff, NSC, and Frank Press (or his designee), OSTP, to hear the results of the Technical Review Group. I believe this will be helpful because of Utgoff's present involvement and his intent (as he briefed me on 6 July 1979) to advise Frank Press of GRILL FLAME.

4. Since Walt LaBerge's technical review group begins its operations the week of 21 July, we ought to encourage it, supply necessary guidance and add proposed new members ASAP.

EYES ONLY

OSD review(s) completed.

EYES ONLY

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I will proceed as suggested above unless I hear from you to the contrary.



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